



## Preapplication for HSIPR Program

OMB No. 2130-0583

## Preapplication instructions:

- For each question, enter the appropriate information in the designated gray box; keep text answers brief.
- For a multi-State project/program, States are encouraged to identify a lead applicant.
- Please submit one preapplication for each individual project, planning study, or corridor service program.
- Answers provided in this form **will not be used for evaluation or selection purposes**.
- Applicants should complete and submit this form electronically to: [HSIPR@dot.gov](mailto:HSIPR@dot.gov).

## A. Who are you?

(1) Select applicant type, as defined in Appendix 1.1 of the HSIPR Guidance (*Check the appropriate box from the list*):☒ State☐ Amtrak

If one of the following, please append appropriate documentation as described in Section 4.3.1 of the HSIPR Guidance:

☐ Group of States☐ Interstate Compacts☐ Public Agency established by one or more States☐ Amtrak in cooperation with a State or States

(2) Name of lead State or organization applying: The Illinois Department of Transportation

(3) Name(s) of additional States and/or organizations applying in this group (*if applicable*): NA

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# What is your project?

(5) Project/program name: Amtrak Illinois Zephyr Galesburg Congestion Relief Project

(6) Describe the project or program; if a program has multiple phases please describe each and how they fit together; if the project or program relates to another HSIPR application describe the linkage (*less than 1000 characters*):  
Construct three new tracks on BNSF property in Galesburg for staging freight trains to free up meet/pass sidings to improve passenger train handling between Galesburg and Quincy; build a third mainline track through the Galesburg passenger station to allow faster, more efficient station stops and to separate freight and passenger trains at that location; and install a new connection between the Brookfield and Mendota subdivisions because track geometry associated with the new third track and higher speeds requires a new alignment.

(7) Location information

(A) Describe the location of the proposed project/program (attach map if available) (*less than 250 characters*): See attached map

(B) Which high-speed rail and/or intercity passenger rail route(s) benefit from this project? Identify endpoints, major locations served, and name of current route (if applicable) (*less than 250 characters*): Chicago-Quincy route, IL Zephyr & Carl Sandburg trains serve 2 suburban stops and 7 intermediate stops including Galesburg and Macomb on the route which has been designated as a 90 MPH feeder to the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative

(C) State(s) in which the project/program investment is/are located: Illinois

(D) State(s) in which the benefiting service(s) is/are located: Illinois

(8) Project/program type:

(A) Types of capital investments contemplated (*Check all that apply*):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Structures (bridges, tunnels, etc.)           | <input type="checkbox"/> Rolling Stock Refurbishments            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Track-Rehabilitation               | <input type="checkbox"/> Rolling Stock Acquisitions              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Track-New Construction             | <input type="checkbox"/> Stations, Terminals                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Rights-of-Way                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Support Facilities (Yards, Shops, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Major Interlockings                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade Crossing Improvements             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communications, Signaling, Control | <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Traction                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other ( <i>Please describe</i> ):             |  |

(B) Describe the types of proposed improvements (e.g., new passing tracks, interlocking reconfigurations, station improvements, equipment acquisitions, etc.) (*less than 500 characters*): Freight staging tracks, a new connection between existing subdivisions on the BNSF Railway, and a new third main line track from the Galesburg Yard to a location east of the Galesburg Passenger Station.

(C) Service attributes (*Check all that apply*):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional Frequencies on Existing Route | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improved On-Time-Performance on Existing Route |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Service   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increased Average Speeds/Shorter Trip Times    |

☒ Other (Please describe): This project is necessary to sustain and improve the continued operation of the second daily frequency on the Chicago-Galesburg-Quincy corridor.

(9) Project/program milestones (mm/yyyy):

Construction start date: 1Q,  
2010

Construction completion date: 4Q,  
2011

Service improvements realized: 4Q, 2011

(10) Anticipated benefits (on intercity passenger rail service(s) benefitting from project/program)

Project/Program Benefits	Before (f-Y 2008 levels)	After (Project completion)	Not Applicable	Not Sure
Annual passenger-miles			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average daily round trips (weekday)	1	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
On-time performance (OTP) (at endpoint terminals)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Top speed (mph)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average operating speed (mph) (between endpoint terminals)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## What will your project/program cost & how will it be funded?

### Capital Costs

(11) Total anticipated project/program capital cost (in millions of dollars)(Note: preapplication estimates will not be binding):  
\$45.5 million

(12) Will your project/program proposal include matching funds?

(A) ☒ Yes If yes, as what percentage of total costs? 20

☐ No

(B) Proposed source(s) of capital matching funds *(Please check all that apply)*:

☒ State ☐ Local ☐ Private ☐ Other *(Please specify)*: ☐ N/A ☐ Not sure

(13) If an in-kind match is expected, provide a brief description of the asset *(less than 100 characters)*. BNSF will provide its property at no cost to the project, although property costs are not part of the project cost estimate.

### Operating Costs

(14) Is the project/program expected to result in an additional annual cost of operations for the benefitting service?

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Not sure

(A) If additional operating funding is required, what would be the source? *(Select the appropriate option by clicking the gray box to activate the dropdown menu)*:

Annual State appropriations If other is selected, please specify:

(B) What is the status of providing that funding? *(Select the appropriate option by clicking the gray box to activate the dropdown menu)*:

Not Sure If other is selected, please specify:

## D. What preparation have you done?

(15) Please indicate the status of planning, engineering and environmental studies/documentation supporting your program or project. (Although applicants are asked to respond to all items, note that not all are required for all tracks.)

	No study exists	If no study exists, are you applying for HSIPR funds to complete study?	Study underway	Study completed? (year)	Not applicable
<b>Corridor Service Planning Studies/Documents</b> (for the intercity passenger rail service benefitting from project or program)					
Purpose & Need/Rationale	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2008	<input type="checkbox"/>
Service/Operating Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2008	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prioritized Capital Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2008	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ridership/Revenue Forecast	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Operating Cost Forecast	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tier 1 Programmatic (or "service") NEPA (Identify document from dropdown menu) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assessment of Benefits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2008	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Project Planning Studies/Documents</b> (if application is for program (multiple projects), multiple boxes may be checked)					
Preliminary Engineering (PE)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2008	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tier 2 (project-level) NEPA (Identify document from dropdown menu) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Detailed Capital Cost Estimates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2008	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assessment of Benefits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2008	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>General Planning Studies/Documents</b>					
Project Management Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2009	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial Plan (capital & operating – sources/uses)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(16) Is the project(s) included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

(17) Is the project/program included in a Performance Improvement Plan for the host railroad? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

**(A) Who are your partners & what are their commitments?**

- (18) Right-of-Way Owner(s).** Provide the status of agreements with railroad(s) that own the right-of-way. (If appropriate, "owner(s)" may also include operator(s) under trackage rights or lease agreements.) (If more than two railroads, please include additional information in question 24.)

Railroad owner 1 (Name):	BNSF Railway
Status of railroad owner 1 (Click on the appropriate option from the dropdown menu shaded in gray):	Master Agreement in place
Railroad owner 2 (Name):	N/A
Status of railroad owner 2 (Click on the appropriate option from the dropdown menu shaded in gray):	No host railroad involved

- (19) Intercity Passenger Rail Operator.** If applicable, provide the status of agreements with partner that will operate the benefiting high-speed rail/intercity passenger rail services (e.g., Amtrak). (Click on the appropriate option from the dropdown menu shaded in gray):

Final executed agreement on project scope/outcomes

- (20) Benefits to Types of Rail Service.** What share of the project/program benefits will accrue to other non-intercity passenger railroad service types (e.g., commuter or freight)? (Click on the appropriate option from the dropdown menu shaded in gray): None

If benefits to non-intercity passenger rail services are foreseen, are cost-sharing agreements in place with the beneficiary organization(s)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐ Not sure

**(B) Which track is the best fit for your project/program?**

- (21) Anticipated HSIPR funding track** (Click on the appropriate option from the dropdown menu shaded in gray):

Track 1 (Projects) FD/Construction

If unsure, please explain: The project is ready for construction and has independent utility

- (22) Anticipated application filing date** (Check the appropriate box):

☒ 2009 – first round

☐ Subsequent round(s). (Note: Funding for subsequent rounds is not guaranteed.)

## (C) What help do you need?

(23) Describe any areas in which you could use technical assistance, best practices, advice or support from others (*less than 500 characters*): None

## (D) Additional information (optional)

(24) Please provide any additional information, comments, or clarifications. This section is optional.

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